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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PORTS

1. The Group will examine factors which can contribute to efficient management and sustainable development of ports and related port services in order to foster competitive maritime transport services and to strengthen capacities for trade.

2. In carrying out its task, the Group of Experts will:

(a) Focus on two main elements of the new work programme, namely:

- Port organization, including issues relating to privatization, commercialization and deregulation;

- Port management, including issues relating to human resources development and strategic planning;

(b) Supplement the expertise available in the secretariat through the presentation by selected ports of the experience gained in the fields of port organization and port management;

(c) Review the relevant recommendations included in the five reports produced by the secretariat, as requested by the intergovernmental group of experts on ports of 1990, and assess their applicability to the development of competitive ports and related ports services, particularly those located in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(d) Review the work carried out by the secretariat in the field of port management training and technical cooperation; and

(e) Prepare a report on the above items for submission to the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors (Shipping) at its second session.

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